House Resolution No. 2551

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Katherine Anderson, who will be honored during the annual Salute to Women in Leadership luncheon to take place on May 9, 2008, a collaborative event between the City of St. Louis, the Office of the License Collector, and the Vashon/Jeff VanderLou Initiative; and

Whereas, the Salute to Women in Leadership awards are given to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, Katherine Anderson, who will receive the Business Leadership Award, is co-founder and President of Andy's Seasonings, a company she started with her husband, Reuben Anderson, as side-job operation in their basement which has grown over the last twenty-seven years into a multi-million dollar company with its products being distributed in forty-eight states; and

Whereas, Katherine Anderson graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, Tennessee, and has attended Tucker Business College, Florissant Valley Community College, and an entrepreneur class sponsored by the Minority Business County at Saint Louis University; and

Whereas, Katherine Anderson has been honored with the Working Woman Entrepreneurial Excellence Award, St. Louis Top Business Women Owner's Award, Minority Business Entrepreneur of the Year, and Entrepreneur of the Year from a number of organizations; and

Whereas, Katherine Anderson is well known and respected for her service work, which includes the United Way, UNCF Golf Tournament, Habitat for Humanity, Annie Malone Children's Home, The Ronald McDonald House, Paralyzed Veterans, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, American Diabetes Association, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

Whereas, a widow and the proud mother of three sons, Katherine Anderson is a member of Agape Christian Center, the National Association of Female Executives, the St. Louis Minority Business Council, the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the National Chamber of Commerce, and she is a board member of the Gateway Classic Sports Foundation and a former board member of the United Way:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and admiration for the personal and professional accomplishments of Katherine Anderson; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Katherine Anderson, as a measure of our esteem.

Representative Rodney R. Hubbard District No. 58
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2551, adopted May 5, 2008.
Rod Jetton, Speaker

Offered by